

# Minutes of Rescheduled Meeting

## The Board of Education New Buffalo Area Schools

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A Rescheduled Meeting of the Board of Education of New Buffalo Area Schools was held Monday, March 30, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM via Zoom due to closing of schools (COVID-19). Meeting rescheduled from March 23, 2020.

1. Call to Order by President Charles Heit - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: Heather Black, John Haskins, Charles Heit, Roger Lijewski, Frank Magro, Patricia Newton, Lisa Werner

Also in Attendance via Zoom: Jeffrey M. Leslie, Superintendent of Schools  
Yvonne Homolka, Adm Asst to Superintendent

President Heit announced all votes will be considered Roll Call votes.

3. Expressions from the Public: None
4. Items too Late for Printed Agenda:

Resignation of Lindsey Diebolt, Middle School Principal

5. Adoption of the Agenda:  
Motion: Newton  
Second: Black  
Roll Call Vote: All ayes.  
Black  
Haskins  
Heit  
Lijewski  
Magro  
Newton  
Werner

6. Adoption of the Consent Agenda: Items on the Consent Agenda are to be voted on as a single item by the Board. Board Members may remove items from the Consent Agenda prior to vote. Discussion of the items that have been removed can take place at the appropriate time listed on the Agenda.

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B. February General/Associated Funds - Bills Payable

1. General Fund: \$232,911.00
2. Payroll: \$703,384.02
3. Food Service: \$12,257.48
4. Public Improvement: \$48,868.29
5. Scholarship Fund: \$63,043.67

C. Financials

Motion: Werner

Second: Newton

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Haskins

Heit

Lijewski

Magro

Newton

Werner

Black

7. Communication(s): None

8. Committee Report(s):

Personnel met after March 2 Board meeting.

Finance met via Zoom.

9. The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the resignation letter, with regret, from Kirsten Fenton, effective end of school year, 2019-2020.

Motion: Black

Second: Lijewski

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Heit

Lijewski

Magro

Newton

Werner

Black

Haskins

10. The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the resignation letter, with regret, from Lindsey Diebolt, Middle School Principal, effective end of school year.

Motion: Black

Second: Haskins

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Lijewski

Magro

Newton

Werner

Black

Haskins

Heit

11. The Superintendent and Business Manager recommend the Board adopt the Crisis Management Plan (Elementary Building), per attached.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Werner

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Magro

Newton

Werner

Black

Haskins

Heit

Lijewski

12. The Superintendent and Business Manager recommend the Board adopt the Crisis Management Plan (Middle/High School Building), per attached.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Newton

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Newton

Werner

Black

Haskins

Heit

Lijewski

Magro

13. Remarks from the Superintendent:

- Thanks to the voters of the district of NBAS for an overwhelming support of renewing the 18 mills. Yes votes had a 4-1 margin.
- The State of Michigan will release school districts' report card tomorrow.

- Kudos to the Food Service staff for serving our district with the continued lunches via assorted pick-up sites.
- Thanks to Green Spirit Farms for supplying a pound of lettuce to each lunch pick-up.
- Blessings in a Backpack (Water's Edge Church, New Buffalo) will also add food to the distribution on Friday.
- Fantastic job by the Operations Department staff on the cleaning/sanitizing of the entire district buildings.
- The Technology staff has been invaluable in their implementing a whole new approach to learning (students/teachers).
- Teachers are interacting with students and school may possibly be canceled for the rest of the school year. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will make announcement soon. Teachers/Admin had one hour meeting today via Zoom.
- NBAS has phenomenal employees.

Ms. Werner asked if student work to this point counted. Supt. Leslie said work may advance to e-learning. More info coming from State of Michigan.

#### 14. Remarks from the Board President and Members:

President Heit and Treasurer Black said thanks to entire district and, in particular, to Food Service staff and Maintenance staff.

#### 15. Discussion Item(s)

##### A. Elementary Entrance:

A pre-bid meeting was held, via Skype, and the deadline is undecided at this time.

Ms. Werner asked if there was any reason to delay and, due to safety issues, Supt. Leslie said we would proceed to have the renovation finished by September 1. Pano Arvanitis, Keith Carlson, Chuck Heit, and I met with Skillman earlier (before school closure).

##### B. Environmental Learning Center:

Discussion on site/amenities was held. The possible sites would be behind the elementary, Davey Ohms' property, Lee Artz property. Would like to have a restroom and areas for classrooms to use. Grant money may be available.

16. Expressions from the Public - Second Opportunity: None

17. Other Business:

Treasurer Black asked if there was a plan in place for extended learning programs. Supt. Leslie said there are equity issues, i.e., cell phone signal problem areas. Could possibly use hot spots.

President Heit said Adam Bowen, Elementary Principal, sent out inquiries to families asking of their Wi-Fi needs.

18. Adjournment:

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

Roll Call Vote: All ayes.

Werner

Black

Haskins

Heit

Lijewski

Magro

Newton

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa W. Werner, Secretary  
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